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REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, claims 1-6, 8-11, 15-21, 23-30, 32 and 46 have been cancelled, claims 7, 22, 31, 45, 47 and 48 have been amended, and claims 53-57 have been added. Claims 7, 12-14, 22, 31, 45, 47-57 are in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 7, the Office Action indicates that claims 12-14 and 50-52 are allowed.

In paragraph 8, the Office Action indicates that the subject matter of claims 8, 23, 32, and 46-49 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicants have amended the claims 7 and 22, and 31 to recite the features of allowable claims 8, 23, and 32, and have amended claim 45 to recite the features of claim 46. The Applicants have also added new claims 53-57 to add claims dependent upon allowable or allowed claims 7, 12, 22, 31, and 45.

Accordingly, the Applicants believe the application is in good order for allowance

III. Claim Amendments

Applicant's attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above for the purpose expediting the allowance of patentable subject matter and with the intent to file continuing applications claiming additional subject matter.

IV. New Claims

New claims 53-57 recite the features of claims 7, 12, 22, 31, and 45, as well as other additional features rendering them even more remote from the cited references. Accordingly new claims 53-57 are patentable over the prior art of record, and the Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of these claims as well.

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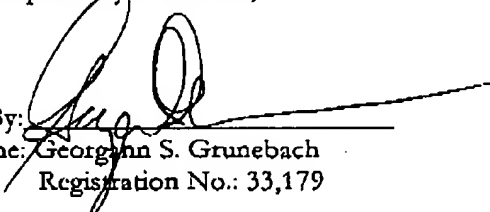
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V. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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